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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, PK

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PAK COTTON YARN SALE TO NORTH VIETNAM

REFERENCE: (A) ISLAMABAD 1284; (B) ISLAMABAD 1551

1. IN AN ACTION SIMILAR TO THAT MADE BY THE MFA ON FEB 18 (REFTEL B), THE GOP COMMERCE MINISTRY RAISED TODAY WITH ECON

COUNSELOR AND AGATT THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE PAK YARN SALES TO NORTH VIETNAM. COMMERCE ADDITIONAL SECRETARY F.R. KHAN CALLED IN EMBOFFS AND, REFERRING TO THE PAK EMBASSY MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON, EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS GOP'S INFORMATION THAT A PRIVATE PAK SALE OF COTTON YARN TO NORTH VIETNAM WAS PERMISSIBLE SINCE THE COMMODITY WAS AN ITEM NORMALLY TRADED THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS.

2. KHAN ADDED THAT THE GOP WAS ANXIOUS TO ALLOW THIS POTENTIAL SALE OF FOUR MILLION POUNDS OF YARN SINCE IT WOULD BE WORTH \$2 MILLION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE. HE REFERRED TO THE CURRENT VERY DEPRESSED STATE OF PAK COTTON YARN EXPORTS, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S PRINCIPAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNERS.

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3. ECON COUNSELOR MENTIONED THAT FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE

SAME INFORMATION FROM THE FORMIN LAST WEEK, THE EMBASSY HAD
PASSED THE NEWS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS.
THE COUNSELOR PROMISED TO INFORM MR.KHAN WHEN A
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